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## Five Year Review Report Rocky Mountain Arsenal

The U.S. Army recently completed its Five-Year Review (FYR) draft final report for the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (Arsenal). This report summarizes the statutory and policy review findings of the Arsenal's Off-Post and On-Post Records of Decision (ROD). The RODs provide detailed descriptions of the cleanup approach selected for the site. Both documents were signed by the Army, the State of Colorado and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and are supported by Shell Oil Company (Shell) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The U.S. Army created the Arsenal in 1942 to produce chemical weapons as a deterrent in World War II. Shell later leased some of those facilities to manufacture agricultural products. Accepted disposal practices of the time resulted in contamination of the site's soil, structures and groundwater. Contaminants include pesticides, solvents, metals and miscellaneous industrial chemicals.

The purpose of the FYR is to determine whether the Arsenal's cleanup remedy continues to be protective of public health and the environment and whether it can be expected to remain protective after completion. A critical part of the FYR is to update any changes to standards and to determine if the remedy outlined in the RODs and subsequent Decision Documents remains protective in light of these new standards.

The findings determined that the remedy remains protective of human health and the environment, based on a review of documentation, site visits and interviews. Although a few minor administrative and maintenance deficiencies were noted, they do not affect the future protectiveness of the remedy.

FYRs at the Arsenal will be required for the foreseeable future since the cleanup approach required landfills and consolidation areas to hold contaminated waste from the Arsenal's cleanup.

In keeping with the Arsenal's commitment to public involvement, the Army is seeking input on this report. Written comments are due by May 21, 2007. All public comments received during this process will be reviewed and considered in the final report as part of the site's Administrative Record.

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